

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 22 (canceled)

1 **23.** (original) Apparatus for treating patients suffering from a specified
2 neuropsychiatric disorder, comprising a pulse generator sanctioned by government authority
3 for implantation in a patient together with electrode means to stimulate a selected cranial
4 nerve of the patient with a predetermined sequence of electrical impulses from said pulse
5 generator applied to the selected cranial nerve at a location in a range from about two to about
6 three inches above or below the patient's diaphragm, for ameliorating symptoms of the
7 specified neuropsychiatric disorder in the patient.

1 **24.** (original) The apparatus of claim **23**, wherein said pulse generator is
2 programmable to enable physician programming of the electrical and timing parameters of
3 said sequence of electrical impulses.

1 **25.** (original) The apparatus of claim **23**, wherein the selected cranial nerve is the
2 vagus nerve, and said electrode means comprises at least one nerve electrode for implantation
3 on the patient's vagus nerve for direct stimulation thereof at said location.

1 **26.** (original) The apparatus of claim **25**, wherein said electrode means comprises a
2 pair of nerve electrodes for implantation of a respective one of said pair on left and right
3 branches of the patient's vagus nerve for direct bilateral stimulation thereof at said location.

1 **27.** (original) The apparatus of claim **23**, wherein said electrode means comprises at
2 least one electrode for implantation internally to a portion of the patient's nervous system
3 remote from the selected cranial nerve to indirectly stimulate the selected cranial nerve in the

4 vicinity of said location.

1 **28.** (original) The apparatus of claim **23**, including means associated with the pulse
2 generator for enabling patient activation of the pulse generator to stimulate the selected
3 cranial nerve in the vicinity of said location.

1 **29.** (new) The apparatus of claim **23**, wherein said specified neuropsychiatric
2 disorder is schizophrenia, depression, borderline personality disorder, or related disorder.

1 **30.** (new) Apparatus for treating patients suffering from a neuropsychiatric disorder
2 from among schizophrenia, depression, borderline personality disorder, or related disorder,
3 said apparatus comprising a pulse generator approved by a government agency of competent
4 authority to be implanted with at least one interconnected nerve electrode in a patient to treat
5 the neuropsychiatric disorder by applying a programmed sequence of electrical impulses
6 generated by said pulse generator to a branch of the patient's vagus nerve via said electrode
7 implanted on said nerve at a location in a range from about two to about three inches above or
8 below the patient's diaphragm, for relieving symptoms of the neuropsychiatric disorder.

1 **31.** (new) The apparatus of claim **30**, wherein said pulse generator is adapted to be
2 programmed by an attending physician to provide electrical and timing parameters of said
3 impulses.

32. (new) The apparatus of claim **30**, wherein said nerve electrode is connected to an
electrical lead of sufficient length to enable said at least one nerve electrode to be implanted
on at least one of the left and right branches of said vagus nerve at said location.